GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1669
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REPRESENTATION TO PRIME MINISTER
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SC/ST Parliamentarians in the representations submitted to the Government on 17.12.1996, 1.9.1997 and 23.7.1998 have demanded posting/appointment of adequate number of persons from SC and ST community as Heads/CMD and Official/Non-Official Members of Board of Management/Governing Councils of the Public Sector Under takings, Autonomous, Statutory, sub-Ordinate and Attached Offices of various Ministries and Departments;

(b) if so, action taken thereon; and

(c) the total number of posts in the rank of Head/CMD, Official/non-Official Members of Board of Management/Governing Council of the Small Scale Industries Board under his Ministry and number of persons from SC/ST community working against such posts as 1.1.1996 and 1.1.2000 and their percentage as compared to the total posts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The Memoranda submitted by the Parliamentary Forum for SCs and STs urged the Government of India for taking comprehensive measures for development of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, inter-alia, requesting for posting of suitable persons belonging to the SCs/STs for posts of importance like Governors, Ambassadors, Members of Planning Commission, Secretaries to the Government of India, Members of the UPSC, PESB, Directors of PSUs etc.

The policy as enunciated in the resolution No. 27(21)EO/86(ACC) dated 3.3.1987 constituting the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) (the body which makes recommendation for appointment to board level posts in PSUs) is to appoint through a fair and objective selection procedure, outstanding professional managers to Level-I (Chief Executives) and Level-II (Directors) posts and posts at any other level as may be decided by the Government from time to time. Caste is not one of the criteria for selecting persons for appointments to the board level posts of PSUs.

(c): Information on the number of persons belonging to the SC/STs among those appointed to board level posts in PSUs under Ministry/Departments is neither available nor maintained. It may also be mentioned that the Small Scale Industries Board is a non-statutory Advisory body, constituted every two years under the Chairmanship of Minister In-charge of SSI. It consists ofrepresentatives from Central Ministries, State Industry Ministers, Financial Institutions, National and State level industrial associations, trade specific associations, persons of repute in the field, etc. The Members of the Board are generallyappointed on the basis of the office held by them. The persons appointed by name are those who have been associated with the development and promotion of the small scale sector either at Government or at Non-Government level. There are no posts under the Small Scale Industries Board against which employment is provided.